

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 5 is amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A backing plate for abrasive flap wheels, said backing plate comprising

an inner part formed with a hub having a location hole provided with an internal thread for engaging a threaded shaft of a driving machine, and

an outer [part] flange having a surface for adhesively bonding an abrasive flap wheel onto said backing plate, said outer flange being formed integrally with said hub.

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